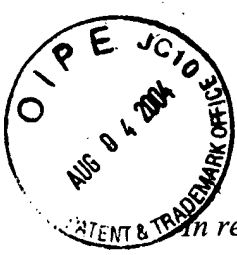


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Sir:

This amendment responds to the non-final Office Action mailed March 10, 2004. Please charge the fee for a two-month extension of time and any other fee which may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 16-38 are withdrawn. The Office Action rejects claims 1-15 and objects to claims 8, 9, 10, and 12-15.

Two attachments accompany this amendment:

- abstract of Andersson *et al.*, AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses. 1996 Jun 10;12(9):833-40 (Attachment 1); and
- abstract of Johnston *et al.*, Ann Neurol. 2001 Oct;50(4):434-42 (Attachment 2).

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